

STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

ILLINOIS POWER COMPANY )  
Petition For Authority to Place Revisions )  
To Service Classification 110 and )  
Rider TC Into Effect On Less Than )  
45-Days Notice Pursuant to Section 9-201 )  
Of The Public Utilities Act. )

Docket No. 00- 0749

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VERIFIED PETITION

Illinois Power Company ("Illinois Power" or "Company") hereby petitions the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission"), for authority to place into effect certain changes to its tariff sheets in its Ill. C. C. No. 31, Schedule of Rates for Electric Service, that are included in Exhibits A and B to this Petition, on less than 45 days notice, to be effective January 1, 2001, for good cause shown pursuant to Section 9-201 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act ("Act") (220 ILCS 5/9-201). In support of its Petition, Illinois Power Company states the following.

1. Illinois Power is an Illinois corporation with its corporate office located at 500 South 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Decatur, Illinois, 62521. It is engaged in the business of distributing and selling electricity and gas to customers in various parts of Illinois, and is a public utility within the meaning of the Illinois Public Utilities Act.

2. Illinois Power Company is requesting approval of certain changes to its Rider TC, Transition Charge Appendices and Service Classification 110, Non-Residential Delivery Services, referred to as Exhibit A and Exhibit B respectively, as more fully described hereinafter.

3. The changes to the Rider TC Appendices are required by the Rider's provisions in order to incorporate the 2001 Neutral Fact Finder (NFF) market values and to account for the remaining non-residential customers becoming eligible for choice on January 1, 2001. These changes are reflected in Appendices 1, 2, 4, and 5 of Rider TC as more fully described below and attached to this petition as Exhibit A.

4. Rider TC Appendices 1 and 2 contain customer group data that are used in transition charge calculations to profile kWh usage for customers without interval metering. Appendix 1 is used in determining Coincident Peak Demands. Appendix 2 is used to allocate usage between the on-peak and off-peak periods as well as among the on-peak hours. The Company is updating the data in these Appendices to reflect customer group data from July 1999 through September 2000. The data from these additional months is required by law to perform transition charge calculations for non-residential customers that become eligible for delivery services on January 1, 2001.

5. Rider TC Appendix 4 contains group transition charges (TCs) for customers not eligible for customer-specific transition charge calculations. The currently effective Appendix 4 contains 3 pages applicable to non-residential customers eligible for delivery services on October 1, 1999. These pages are being updated to reflect the 2001 NFF market values, and the new transmission revenue requirement and ancillary service charges approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the Company's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT). Three new pages are being added to Appendix 4 which will reflect the same rates and charges as the first three pages but are based on customer data from October 1997 through September 2000 and will be applicable to non-residential customers first becoming eligible for delivery services on January 1, 2001.

6. Rider TC Appendix 5 contains the market values used in calculating transition charges and for pricing energy under the Company's Power Purchase Option Service (Rider PPO). The appendix is being updated to reflect the on-peak and off-peak market prices to be effective January 1, 2001, as reported in the 2000 Neutral Fact Finder Report.

7. Also, with this filing, Illinois Power is making certain changes to its Service Classification 110 (SC 110), Non-Residential Delivery Services. These changes are more fully described hereinafter and are attached as Exhibit B to this petition.

8. The primary change to SC 110 is to revise the energy loss factors to be consistent with the transmission loss factor recently approved by the FERC. The transmission loss factor in

the Company's OATT has been lowered from 2.05% to 1.931%. Furthermore, the definition of transmission has been changed to only include the 138 kV system. For purposes of energy losses, the 69 kV system is now considered to be part of the Company's distribution system. Section 11 of SC 110 references the OATT transmission losses and contains the additional energy losses for customers taking delivery at voltages below the transmission level. For customers served at 34.5 kV or below, there will be no change in their total loss factor. However, customers served at 69 kV or 138 kV will see a change in their applicable loss factors.

9. Additional changes are being made to SC 110 to incorporate lighting charges that should appear in SC 110 to be consistent with the Company's bundled tariffs. More specifically, the Company is including Incandescent lamps for Outdoor Area Lighting and Municipal Street Lighting. These Incandescent lamps are not available to new installations. However, customers should have the ability to take existing installations to delivery service. A charge for a Sodium Vapor, 130,200 Lumen, 1,000-watt lamp is also being added under Municipal Lighting Service for the same reason set forth in this Section 9.

10. To implement the changes described above, Illinois Power proposes to modify its Rider TC Appendices and Service Classification 110 tariff as shown in Exhibits A and B, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference ("Exhibits A and B"). Once the Commission has approved the proposed changes as set forth in these Exhibits on less than 45 days notice for good cause shown, Illinois Power Company would propose to file the changes to be effective January 1, 2001.

11. Illinois Power would have been timely in filing the attached Exhibits A and B for approval on the standard 45-day approval process; however, on the day of filing, Illinois Power discovered that the values in Appendix 5 were shaped incorrectly. Illinois Power used 16 on-peak hours in shaping the Appendix 5 values which was consistent with the 1999 NFF Report rather than the 13 on-peak hours which would have been consistent with the 2000 NFF Report. In order to make the values consistent with the 2000 NFF Report, IP had to revise not only Appendix 5 but also Appendix 4, requiring several hours of effort to incorporate the new market

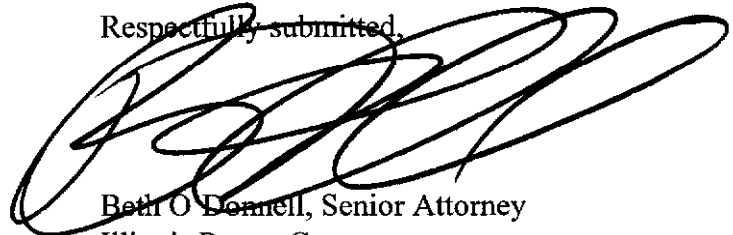
values. Consequently, Illinois Power was prevented from meeting the deadline to file the changes in time for approval on 45 days notice, and, therefore, would require approval on less than the standard 45-day notice in order to implement the changes referenced in this petition in time for them to be in effect January 1, 2001.

12. The Commission may lawfully allow the revised tariff sheets to go into effect on less than 45-days notice, without hearing pursuant to Section 9-201 of the Act.

13. Section 9-201 of the Act requires a showing of good cause before a tariff may be put into effect on less than 45-days notice. For the reasons set forth in this Petition, good cause exists to put the tariff sheets set forth in Exhibits A and B to this Petition into effect on less than 45 days notice.

WHEREFORE, Illinois Power Company prays that this Commission enter an order authorizing Illinois Power Company to place into effect the tariff sheets set forth in Exhibits A and B hereto, on less than 45 days notice for good cause shown, to be effective January 1, 2001, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9-201 of the Public Utilities Act.

Respectfully submitted,

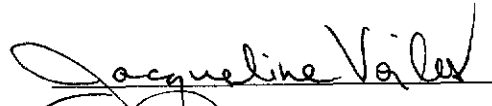
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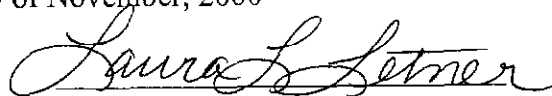
Dated: November 22, 2000

VERIFICATION

I, Jacqueline Voiles, being sworn on oath, state that I have read the foregoing Verified Petition and that it is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

  
Jacqueline Voiles

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2000

  
Notary Public

